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THERE WERE 857 LIVING SOULS WHEN HE FIRST ENTERED THIS TOWN. MOST LIVING ORDINARY, MUNDANE LIVES.

BUT ONE BY ONE THEY BEGAN GETTING SICK. YOUNG. OLD. AGE DIDN'T MATTER. ONCE IT BEGAN IT COULDN'T BE STOPPED.

WHY WAS IT HAPPENING? THEY WERE ALL BEING POISONED AT AN ACCELERATED RATE THAT WOULD MANIFEST ITSELF AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME FOR ALL OF THEM.

BUT GUNSLINGER SPAWN, HAVING BEEN RIPPED FROM SOME TIME CONTINUUM WAS TRYING TO ADJUST TO THIS MODERN WORLD HE FOUND HIMSELF IN.

SO, HE QUICKLY FOUND A HOST BODY TO USE SO HE COULD BLEND IN.

THEN HE WENT TO GO FIND HIMSELF A DRINK AND GIVE HIMSELF A CHANCE TO COLLECT HIS THOUGHTS.

IT DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED.*

*See last issue – Todd

INSTEAD, HE NOW FEELS HIS BODY SLOWLY DRAINING HIS ENERGY SOURCE. LIKE SOME HELLISH CANCER HAS BEEN RELEASED IN HIM. AND IF HE DOESN'T FIND A CURE OR A REPLACEMENT FOR THAT ENERGY, HE'LL MEET THE SAME FATE AS EVERYONE ELSE FROM THIS GODFORSAKEN PLACE.
AND IF THIS SPAWN CAN'T SURVIVE, IT WON'T MATTER HOW HE GOT HERE OR WHY COGLIOSTRO IS HELPING HIM.
HE'LL SEARCH FOR THOSE ANSWERS LATER.

FOR NOW, HE HAS TO FIND ANOTHER "HOST BODY" TO JUMP INTO.
SKREEEE
Clik
Jays
HAIR NAILS MAKEUP
HE DOUBTS HE HAS MORE THAN 12 HOURS LEFT WITH THIS ONE HE'S IN.

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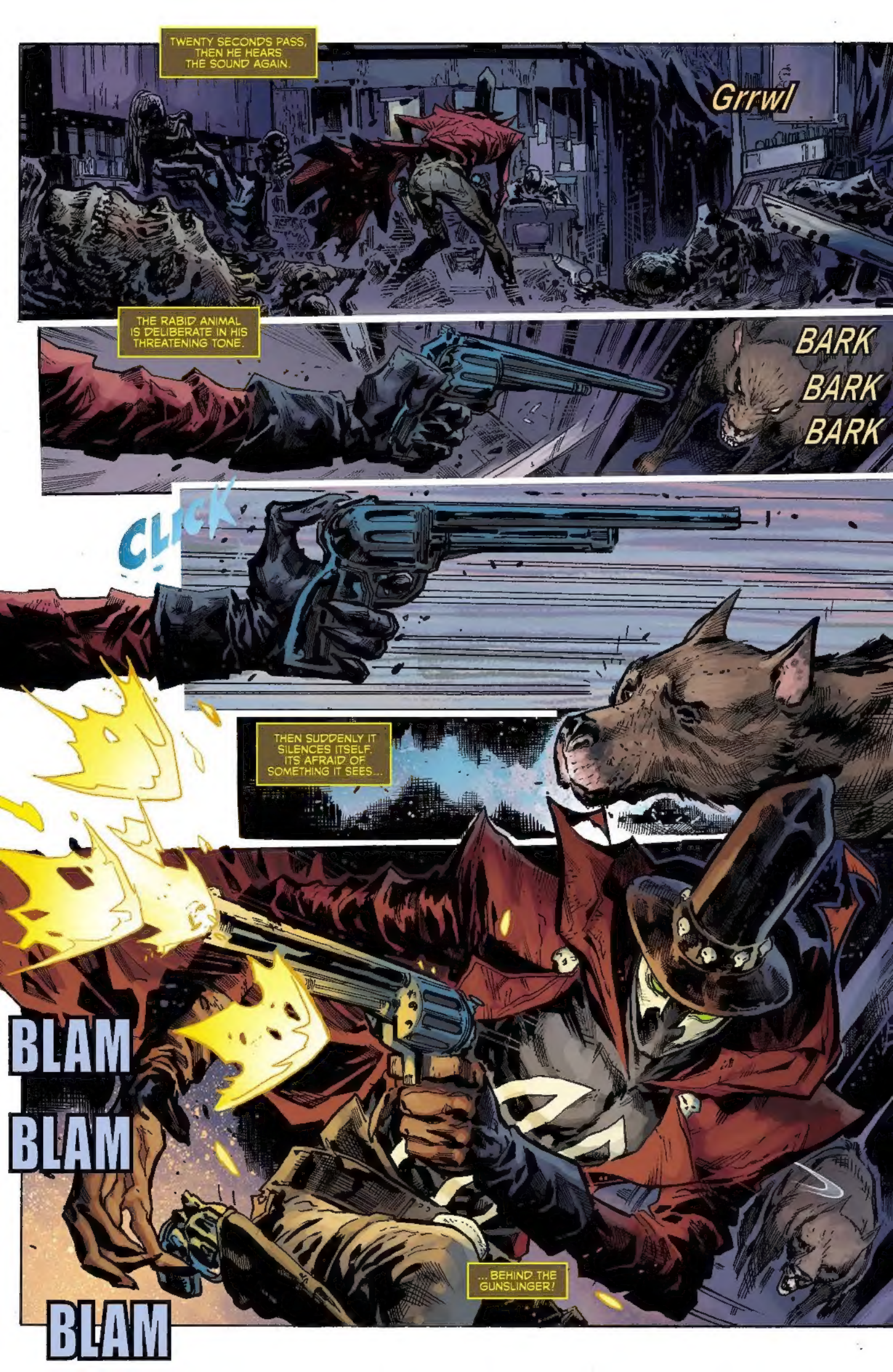
HELLO?
NOTHING.
tish
AT LEAST, NOTHING ALIVE.


TWENTY SECONDS PASS, THEN HE HEARS THE SOUND AGAIN.
Grrwl
THE RABID ANIMAL IS DELIBERATE IN HIS THREATENING TONE.
BARK
BARK
BARK
CLICK
THEN SUDDENLY IT SILENCES ITSELF. ITS AFRAID OF SOMETHING IT SEES...
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
...BEHIND THE GUNSLINGER!

AS BULLETS FLY PAST COGLIOSTRO, HE ALMOST BASKS IN THE SLIGHT BREEZE THEY CAUSE. KNOWING THAT THESE HELLHOUNDS AT HIS SIDE WERE GOING TO DRAW OUT THE GUNSLINGER'S NATURAL INSTINCTS, HE'D BROUGHT THEM ALONG FOR A TEST.
COG THOUGHT THEY'D LAST A LITTLE LONGER BUT, GIVEN THE GAME THEY'RE ALL PLAYING, COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS OFTEN A RESULT.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE STAYING BEHIND?
I CHANGED MY MIND.

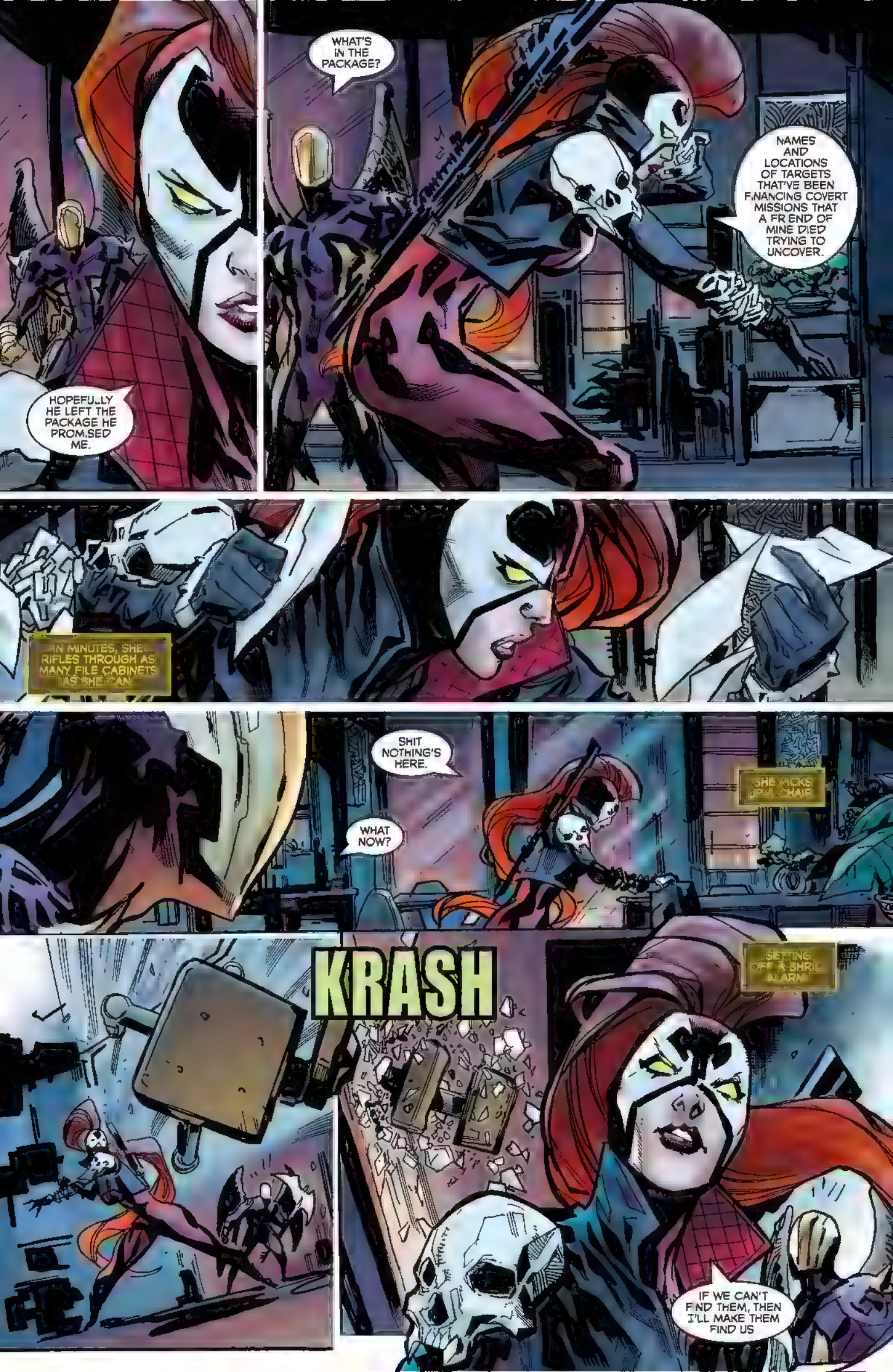
ELSEWHERE.
I KEEP SAYING, THE DATA FROM THOSE OTHER ENTITIES ISN'T FITTING INTO ANY KIND OF PATTERN. IT'S LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND A PATH TO FOLLOW.
MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MATERIAL THEY'RE MADE FROM?
THERE HAS TO BE A CORRELATION AS TO WHY THIS SPAWN TRIED TO KILL ME AND THE READINGS YOU'RE GETTING OUT THERE.
OUR COSTUMES HAVE ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO KNOW WHEN THEY'RE FACING A THREAT. HIS ACTIONS WERE THE OPPOSITE OF THAT. LIKE THEY'D BEEN REWIRED.
I DON'T THINK THAT HAS MUCH TO DO WITH IT. I'M TALKING ABOUT PSYCHOLOGICAL TENDENCIES AND IMPULSES. THOSE AREN'T DRIVEN BY EXTERNAL INTERACTIONS, THEY'RE PREBUILT INTO OUR D.N.A. AT BIRTH.
THESE NEW SPAWNS, OR WHATEVER THEY ARE, THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND THEIR MENTAL FOOTING.
AND A LITTLE NUDGE EITHER WAY COULD DRAMATICALLY CHANGE THE DIRECTION THEY GO.

AND YOU WANT TO DISCOUNT OUR LIVING COSTUMES?
I WANT TO FIND THE HUMANITY BEHIND WHO THEY ARE BEFORE I WORRY ABOUT THE OTHER PARTS. THAT COULD HELP IN UNDER-STANDING WHY ANY OF THEM ARE ACTING ERRATIC.
THAT THEY'RE DISORIENTED... SHOULDN'T SURPRISE YOU. YOU MAY HAVE PULLED ALL OF THEM OUT OF THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS.
THINK ABOUT THE TIME TWIST YOU JUST WENT THROUGH.*
YOU'RE THINKING MYOPIC. THERE'S MORE GOING ON HERE.
IT'S MORE THAN OUR PERSONALITIES THAT DRIVES US. YOU'VE SEEN WHAT MY SYMBIOTE IS CAPABLE OF.
HERE!
SINCE YOU'RE SO DAMN SMART YOU FIGURE IT OUT! I'M DONE ARGUING!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING! YOU'RE JUST NOT PAYING ATTENTION.

*Issues 306 & 307 — Todd

WHY DO YOU THINK I'VE GOT ALL THIS WORK S ON MY DESK? YOU TH NK TH.S IS FUN, SPENDING EVERY HOUR ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE YOU CREATED?
READ THESE ALL OF THEM. MAYBE YOU'LL REALIZE THE REASON I DON'T GIVE SHIT ABOUT THAT ARMOR OVER THERE IS BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT WAY BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN THAT
SO, WAKE UP!
snatch
I'LL LOOK AT IT!
BUT NEXT TIME YOU MIGHT WANT TO FIND A BETTER WAY TO GET YOUR POINT ACROSS.

TOKYO, JAPAN.
A LOW LEVEL HUM BREAKS THE SILENCE INSIDE THIS QUIET PIECE OF SPACE.
A HUM WHOSE INTENSITY GROWS UNTIL IT DELIVERS ITS TWO PACKAGES
YOU SAID SOMEONE WOULD BE WAITING FOR US?
THERE WAS.
SOMEONE MUST HAVE TIPPED THEM OFF.
THE SPAWN DOESN'T LIKE THE FACT THAT THE PERSON WHO WAS TO BE THERE GAVE NO INDICATION ANY OF THEIR PLANS HAD CHANGED.
WE'D HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED IF WE WERE.
HAVE WE BEEN COMPROMISED?


HOPEFULLY HE LEFT THE PACKAGE HE PROMISED ME.
WHAT'S IN THE PACKAGE?
NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF TARGETS THAT'VE BEEN FINANCING COVERT MISSIONS THAT A FRIEND OF MINE DIED TRYING TO UNCOVER.
IN MINUTES, SHE RIFLES THROUGH AS MANY FILE CABINETS AS SHE CAN
SHIT NOTHING'S HERE.
WHAT NOW?
SHE KICKS HER CHAIR
KRASH
SETTING OFF A SHRILL ALARM
IF WE CAN'T FIND THEM, THEN I'LL MAKE THEM FIND US

I SEE YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR LOOK.
I HAVE MANY LOOKS
SO I'VE BEEN TOLD.
YOU'VE GARNERED QUITE A LEGACY OVER THE CENTURIES, COG. IS IT TRUE YOU'RE THE LONGEST LIVING SPAWN? OR DID YOU CREATE THAT MYTH TOO?
WE'VE ALL DONE WHAT WE NEEDED. NONE OF US IS AS LOYAL AS WE'D LIKE TO BE. EVEN YOU!
SO, I HAVE AN OFFER. YOU WANT TO LIVE YOU'LL NEED MY HELP BUT THEN YOU'RE ON MY SIDE.
AND WHAT SIDE IS THAT?
WHICHEVER ONE ALLOWS US TO SURVIVE. BUT BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMEONE.
SUNSLINGER SPAWN IS MOMENTARILY SHOCKED FROM THE SHADOWS COMES A PRISTINE LOOKING JAVIER SANCHEZ THE SAME PERSON HE THOUGHT HE WAS CURRENTLY POSSESSING.

IS THIS SOME TRICK? WHAT IS IT, ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR HELLHOUNDS SHAPE-SHIFTING?
NO--HE'S THE ORIGINAL WHICH BEGS THE QUESTION, WHO ARE YOU POSSESSING?
OH, DON'T BE SO NAIVE. YOU'RE NO GOOD TO ME IF YOU'RE THAT STUPID.
YOU SET ME UP!
NOW YOU'RE GETTING IT
THEY SAID YOU COULDN'T BE TRUSTED, YOUR LUST FOR POWER IS WHAT CAUSED YOUR DOWNFALL.
FUNNY-- I'VE OUTLASTED MOST OF MY ENEMIES.
JAVIER!
TEST HIM.

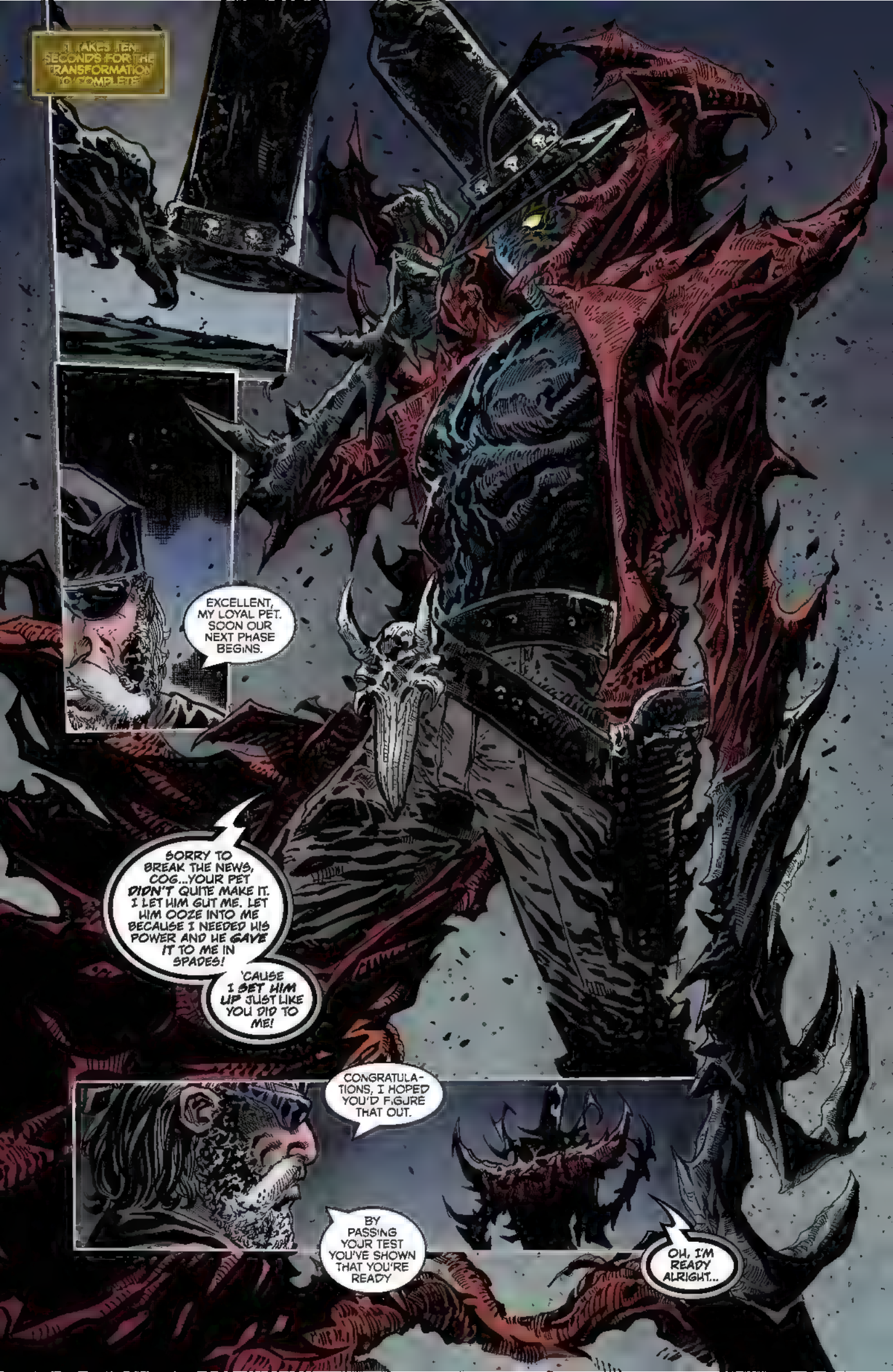
Vip
JAVIER FLINCHES AND GUN SLINGER SHOOTS INSTINCTUALLY THOUGH HE KNOWS BULLETS WON'T HAVE AN EFFECT ON AN ALLY OF FOG'S
YOU'RE RIGHT, I DID SET YOU UP..
"I LED YOU TO IT. AND YOU FELL RIGHT INTO THE TRAP."
"...THE BODY YOU TOOK OVER, I CONSTRUCTED IT MAKING IT SO YOU'D BE ATTRACTED TO IT.. YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE THAT BODY BY ACCIDENT.."
BUT, IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHOICE.

SHOW ME YOU'RE WORTH TRYING TO RECRUIT, THAT EVEN WITH POISON COURSING THROUGH YOU, THAT I DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE THAT I HAVEN'T UNDERESTIMATED YOU.
MAYBE THEN I'LL LET YOU JOIN MY CAUSE
GUNSLINGER SIZES UP HIS OPPONENT. IT APPEARS TO BE SOME HYBRID CREATURE, PART DEMON, PART SYMBIOTE
FUMP
IT'S A COMBO THIS SPAWN ISN'T THRILLED TO ENGAGE WITH
ESPECIALLY IN A WEAKENED STATE

VAP
VAP
VAP
HIS BEST HOPE IS TO TRY AND BLOW IT DOWN
THEN TRY FINDING ITS VULNERABLE SPOT ITS ACHILLES HEEL
EXPLOIT THAT AND HE MAY END THIS BATTLE ON HIS TERMS IN A FASHION HE WANTS
THE ANTI-SPAWN TIME IN THIS MODERN WORLD WILL BE SHORTER THAN HE'D ANTICIPATED

AS THEIR BATTLE RAGES BACK AND FORTH GUNSLINGER BEGINS TO FEEL SOMETHING
SOMETHING EMANATING FROM INSIDE THIS CREATURE
SOMETHING THAT MUST HAVE BEEN PUT THERE BY GOG HIMSELF!
SHANK
BEFORE HE CAN DECIPHER WHAT THAT MEANS!

HOW DOES THAT FEEL? TO RECEIVE THE PAIN--INSTEAD OF GIVING IT?
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO DEVOUR ONE LIKE YOU.
NO!
FEK
THE CREATURE'S CLAWS BURY THEMSELVES DEEPER INTO GUNSLINGER'S CHEST AS BLACK TAR BEGINS TO POUR INTO HIM


IT TAKES TEN SECONDS FOR THE TRANSFORMATION TO COMPLETE
EXCELLENT, MY LOYAL PET. SOON OUR NEXT PHASE BEGINS.
SORRY TO BREAK THE NEWS, COG...YOUR PET DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT. I LET HIM GUT ME. LET HIM OOZE INTO ME BECAUSE I NEEDED HIS POWER AND HE GAVE IT TO ME IN SPADES!
'CAUSE I SET HIM UP JUST LIKE YOU DID TO ME!
CONGRATULATIONS, I HOPED YOU'D FIGURE THAT OUT.
BY PASSING YOUR TEST YOU'VE SHOWN THAT YOU'RE READY
OH, I'M READY ALRIGHT...

SLIT
I'M READY TO BE LEFT ALONE.
FOR NOW.

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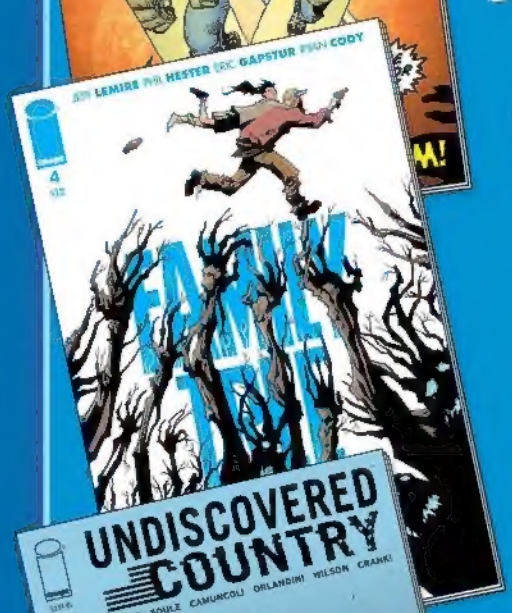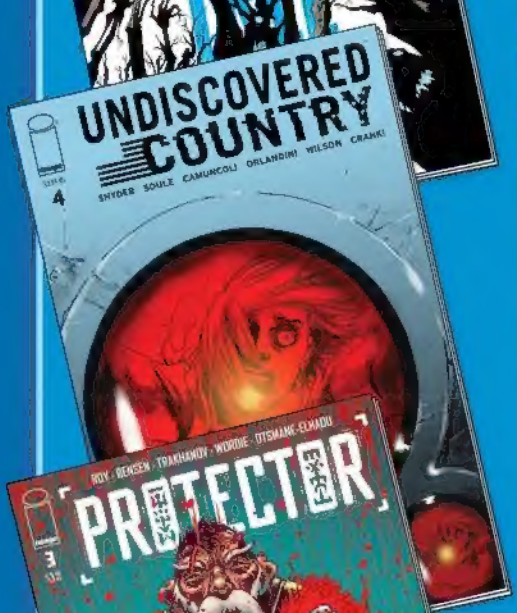
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